

In County Register

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The annual chestnut about the optician who eats them in the dark is also a lie.

English prime minister says the use of lords is a set of irreparable. Now let the lords respond.

Indiana took the first prize at the Iowa corn show. There was no frost the fodder that was responsible that year.

Germany will establish three airship passenger lines next year. But for me time there will be no guarantee the schedules.

Fewer marriages this year mean at fewer men have had jobs good enough for two, and have been sure keeping them.

Diamonds have been found in German southwest Africa, and already on Buelow is trying to get revenues on them to build battleships.

It cost China \$4,200,000 to bury its dead emperor. If the maintenance of live one is equally expensive money in the orient certainly comes high.

France has voted by a substantial majority to continue the death penalty. This will be injurious to those persons only who commit crimes worthy of death.

Wealthy natives of India have formed a company with \$7,500,000 capital to erect at Bombay blast furnaces and a complete steel plant for the utilization of native ores.

That the magnetic influence of the coast of Lapland drew his iron ship ashore and wrecked it was the sworn statement of the captain of the British steamer Sandal to the British board of trade.

It is estimated that the aggregate of waste in all mineral products for the past year amounted to about one million dollars a day, and this doesn't include the unnecessary coal that the hired girls burn in the furnaces and ranges of the land.

Lately we have had expert testimony to the effect that the oil business is hazardous and that the coal business is hazardous. Perhaps in time the phrase, "a hazardous business" will come to mean a business in which men make abnormal profits.

Of all the schemes put forward to help the unemployed one of the most alluring is the proposal by the Glasgow corporation to construct, at a cost of \$30,000,000, a great battleship canal between the North and the Clyde, and thus to link up the North sea with the Atlantic.

A Matamoros newspaper calls attention to a test of the pumping of water in the Rio Grande region for irrigation compared to the older method of constructing dams. A 36-inch pump with 35,000 gallons' capacity on a 24-foot lift, was operated at a fuel cost of 6 1/2 cents an hour.

In New Jersey an attempt will be made to restore to life the next victim of the electric chair. It has frequently been contended that electrocution was not fatal and that resuscitation was possible. Still, nobody proposes to take that sort of electric treatment for his health.

Although there is no national law against using the flag or shield of the United States for advertising purposes, the commissioner of patents has lately exercised his discretion, and decided that he will register no trade marks which contain the arms of the United States or of any state or city, or any part of such arms.

One of the most interesting conclusions reached by the first international congress on Good Roads, recently held in Paris, is that automobiles do little harm to the roads if their average speed is not more than ten miles an hour, and their maximum speed 15 miles an hour. If that is the case, the remedy looks simple.

Managing the finances has often proved the rock on which Latin-American governments have been wrecked. The fact that American rule of Cuba, while meeting all expenses, has been such that Gov. Maguon will turn over \$1,500,000 to the new native administration constitutes an object lesson that may be highly valuable.

Election bets are always objectionable. Now and then, however, one is recorded which has an amusing side. In New York a young woman who manifested great interest in the outcome of the recent presidential election was asked why she was so excited. "Because," she said: "If Mr. Taft wins, I have promised to marry a certain young man." "But suppose Mr. Bryan wins?" "Oh, in that case the young man will marry me."

FOR PLATES.

"Grafters" in Australia are worthy people, for "to graft" there means to work hard. But the origin of that meaning of the word is as obscure as of the meaning now common in this country—to plunder the public.

Electricity is looming large as a motive power for railroads. A scheme is on foot to employ electricity in carrying trains over the Rocky mountains. The steam engine has served a valuable purpose in bringing about transcontinental traffic, but possibly it will soon be eclipsed.

A New Jersey legal official thinks it would be "highly indecorous" for prison officials to allow attempts to be made to revive an apparently electrocuted man. As a question of propriety and decorum, the matter had not hitherto struck any one interested.

"The largest national task of today," is what President Roosevelt calls the work of conservation of the natural resources of the country. It must be pleasing to the president to realize how great an impetus he has given to the performance of that task.

SIX NIGHT RIDERS ORDERED HANGED

DATE OF EXECUTIONS IS SET FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, NEXT.

NEW TRIALS DENIED THEM

Twenty Years for Two Other Men Convicted of Captain Rankin's Murder—Extreme Penalty Imposed.

Union City, Tenn.—Death on the gallows for the six night riders convicted of murder in the first degree and 20 years in the penitentiary for the two convicted of murder in the second degree is the sentence of Judge Joseph E. Jones.

The date of the execution of the men convicted of murder in the first degree was set for Friday, February 19.

Sentences were imposed on the eight convicted night riders, following the overruling of a motion for new trials on behalf of each man Saturday morning.

Extreme Penalty Imposed.

The judge disregarded recommendations of mercy for each of the six convicted of murder in the first degree and also gave the extreme punishment for second degree murder.

The prisoners received the news suddenly and there was no demonstration. The attorneys for the defendants gave notice of appeal, which will be taken to the supreme court. The latter meets in April.

The names of the men sentenced to death: Jarrett Johnson, Fred Plinton, Arthur Clear, Sam Applewhite, Tid Burton and Ray Ransom.

The following were sentenced to 20 years imprisonment: Bob Hoffman and Tad Morris. This is the limit in Tennessee for second degree murder.

FAMINE IN WOOD PULP.

Leading Manufacturer Declares Print Supply is Nearly Exhausted.

New York.—C. F. Remington, one of the leading paper manufacturers in the country head of paper mills having a capacity of 200 tons daily, warns the publishers of the country, in an article published in the Editor and Publisher this week, that a paper famine is at hand. He says:

"The country has suffered from an unprecedented drought, in which the surplus wood pulp of the country has been used up, and should severe winter weather set in generally over the paper mill section, the supply will be found exhausted and many of the larger papers will be forced to suspend publication.

"Owing to low water, the mills have produced but about half their capacity, the three months' strike of the international paper workers served further to diminish the supply, and although few publishers realize it, we are on the brink of a paper famine.

"One thing that must soon be done is the adoption of a standard size of newspaper by publishers, manufacturers and printing press manufacturers. The present hand-to-mouth methods of supply and demand tend more than anything else to demoralize the industry."

Roosevelt Gives Dance.

Washington.—Ablaze with light, the White House Friday night shone forth brightly in its surrounding world of whitened snow. The occasion was the second dance of the season given by Mrs. Roosevelt for her debutante daughter, Ethel, the first being Miss Roosevelt's formal introduction to society. Previous to the dance, which began at 10 o'clock, there was a dinner, at which about thirty guests were present.

Noted Coachman Ends Life.

Boston, Mass.—Daniel J. Mooney, former president of the coachmen's union, committed suicide Friday night by taking poison. Mooney had been driver for President Roosevelt, who commended his skillful work on a visit here four years ago, and had also driven Prince Henry of Prussia when the latter visited this city on his tour of the United States. Mooney had been out of work of late.

Bride Killed By Mistake.

Sterling, Colo.—Mistaking Henry W. Tucker, a prominent young ranch contractor, and his two months bride, for robbers, Karl Tscharch, a Russian farmer, Friday evening, near Hile, fired point blank at both of them with a double barreled shotgun. Mrs. Tucker was instantly killed and her husband was seriously wounded.

Oklahomans Fight Duel.

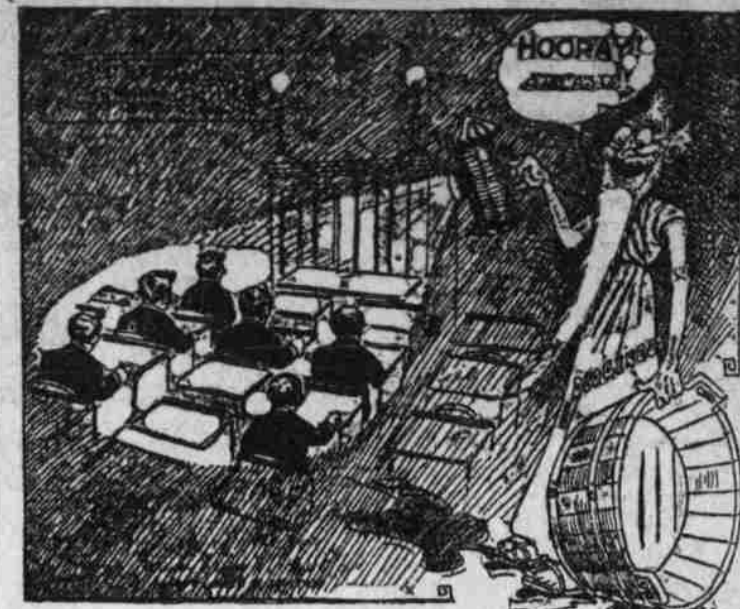
Oklahoma City, Okla.—George Johnson and Samuel Howard, prominent citizens of Elk City, fought a duel with pistols in the street there Friday, as a result of which each killed the other, Johnson dying instantly and Howard a few minutes later in his wife's arms. The men had been friends and the cause of the tragedy is not known. They met on the street, turned off to the mouth of an alley and began firing without apparent provocation.

Warships at Beirut.

Beirut, Syria.—The United States battleships Louisiana and Virginia, under command of acting Rear Admiral Schroeder, arrived here Friday and left immediately for Smyrna, Turkey, in consequence of the plague which prevails here.

Mrs. Grace Dewey Gets Divorce. Colorado Springs, Colorado.—Mrs. Grace Goodyear Dewey, the rich Buffalo woman, who was the wife of Senator Dewey's nephew, Saturday obtained a divorce.

IF DIOGENES WERE ONLY LIVING NOW!



"They would not take money."—A Line from the Testimony.

BIG FIRE STAMPEDES 200 FROM HOTEL

THEATER IN SPRINGFIELD, MO., BURNED AND HOTEL DAMAGED.

OPIE READ FORCED TO FLEE

Blaze Starting in Opera House Soon After Lecture Does \$200,000 Damages.—Fire Started by Leaking Gas.

Springfield, Mo.—One of the most disastrous conflagrations in the history of Springfield, between 1 and 3 o'clock Wednesday morning, destroyed the Baldwin theater building and the Dr. J. H. Dixon building, on St. Louis street, badly damaging the New Colonial Hotel building and threatening to destroy the entire business district.

The estimated loss is \$200,000, with probably \$100,000 insurance carried on buildings and contents. Fire Chief Kanda fell down a stairway, but was uninjured.

Another Fire Started.

During the excitement of the fire a negro woman who lived two blocks from the burning building accidentally overturned a lighted lamp, setting fire to her home.

The firemen were powerless to render assistance and an entire row of houses occupied by negroes was burned to the ground.

Opie Reed, the novelist, was the attraction at the Baldwin Tuesday night. The fire broke out in the theater building an hour after Manager Olendorf had gone home. Opie Reed was one of the guests at the Colonial Hotel, and was forced to flee with the others when it was feared the hotel could not be saved.

No Mercy From Judge.

The fire is supposed to have been caused by leaking gas. None was injured.

A fierce wind carried sparks and burning embers many blocks, and scores of residences caught fire in the roofs. These blazes were extinguished with buckets of water.

All that saved the Colonial Hotel was the fact that the buildings is fireproof. There was a panic among the 200 hotel guests, who rushed from their rooms to the streets carrying their grips and part of their clothes.

The Baldwin theater, a four-story building, was owned by Col. H. B. McDaniel, and the property was valued at \$100,000. The theater was leased by Geo. F. Olendorf, formerly connected with playhouses at St. Joseph.

Little was saved from the burned buildings, as the fire department could arrive on the scene.

TO WELCOME OUR FLEET.

Sultan's Son Will Invite Admiral and Officers to Constantinople.

Constantinople.—Having learned that some vessels of the American battleship fleet will arrive at Smyrna about Jan. 20, the sultan has decided to seize the occasion to show his cordial feeling toward the United States. Besides sending down several hundred Turkish naval officers to show the visitors about, he means also to send his son, who will bear a message to the American rear admiral, inviting him, as well as a number of his officers, to Constantinople.

It is said the sultan declares he will be disappointed if the invitation is not accepted. His initiative in the matter has caused a good deal of interest, as this is the first visit of any foreign fleet since the revolution, and contrasts significantly with the last visit of an American fleet, which was for the purpose of collecting money, due, or else of blowing up things in the attempt.

WILBUR WRIGHT NAMED.

French Officer Thinks Wife Likes Aeroplane Too Well.

Paris.—Wilbur Wright, the world's famous American aeroplane, was Friday named as co-representative in a divorce suit brought by Lieutenant Goujard of the Cuirassiers, stationed at Champaign. The trial is set for February.

Champaign is between the military camp at Avours, where Wright first began his French aeroplane experiments, and Le Mans, where his flights have since been made.

Mrs. Goujard is said to be an enthusiast on the subject of aeroplanes, and she has been seen many times among the interested spectators.

Police Sergeant Killed.

San Francisco, Cal.—Police Sergeant Anton Nolting was shot and killed early Friday while attempting to disperse a crowd of drunken men on Commercial street. The sergeant was knocked down and, regaining his feet, started to draw his revolver, when one of the men shot him twice.

Five Frenchmen Freeze to Death.

Edmonton, Alberta.—Five Frenchmen, who left Stony Plain for MacLeod river three days ago, were frozen to death three miles west of the Nine Mile house, on the Grand Trunk Pacific railway survey.

Reward for Mulligan's Slayer.

Guthrie, Okla.—Gov. Haskell offers a reward of \$500 for the capture of Extra Revis, who is charged with killing Deputy Sheriff B. F. Mulligan of Cimarron county on the night of January 7.

Three Girls Burn to Death.

Dickinson, N. D.—Fire destroyed the home of Joseph Kohli, a homesteader, living twelve miles from here. Four young girls were alone in the house. Three were burned to death and the fourth will not recover.

Mexico Gets Earth Shock.

Mexico City, Mex.—The western coast of Mexico was shaken by an earthquake, which was most severely felt at Acapulco, the state of Guerrero, and at Oaxaca. In the state of the same name.

BRAND MESSAGE AS UNJUSTIFIED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TWO OF PRESIDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS BE TABLED.

HOUSE STANDS ON ITS RECORD

Members Under President's Displeasure Contradict Him on Floor—Rejected as Disrespectful.

Washington, D. C.—Branding statements contained in President Roosevelt's annual message "unjustified and without basis of fact," the special house committee appointed to consider the president's charge that members of congress were afraid of investigation by the secret service, Friday recommended that the objectionable portions of the annual message be tabled, and that similar action be taken on last Monday's message, in which the president informed the house that it had misunderstood his language.

The committee's report embodied a resolution which declared it to be the sense of the house that it shall decline to consider any communication which is not respectful or which impugns the honesty of members of congress.

When Chairman Perkins of the special committee arose to make his report, practically all the members were in their seats, while the galleries were packed with interested spectators.

Messrs. Tawney, Smith, Sherley and Fitzgerald were on the floor prepared to read verbally what they consider the insinuations of the president against members of the committee on appropriations. They were not alone in their indignation, for the feeling of the members of the house has been becoming more and more intense, and the depth of this feeling against the president was plainly apparent Friday.

Mr. Driscoll of New York made an effort to obtain from Mr. Perkins a promise that the time for the discussion of the resolution should be extended. He declared that there was so much excitement in the house that he would not be justified in passing upon the subject Friday. Mr. Mann replied that Mr. Driscoll was more excited than anyone else.

During the discussion Secretary Latta appeared with three messages from the White House, and his appearance was greeted with roars of laughter. The messages proved to be of a routine character and were not allowed to interrupt the proceedings.

The house put itself on record as declining to accept Mr. Roosevelt's explanation of his own objectionable words, accusing him of being guilty of a "breach of the privileges of the house," and ordered laid on the table that part of the annual message relating to the secret service and the entire contents of his special message on the same subject. The final vote was: Ayes 212, noes 35, thus administering the rebuke to the president by the overwhelming majority of 177.

POSSE SEEKING SLAYER.

Workman Suspected of Killing Rev. J. H. Carmichael.

Lenox, Mich.—Suspected of the murder, dismemberment and partial burning of Rev. J. H. Carmichael, Methodist circuit rider, a presumably harmless jack-of-all-trades is being sought by a posse of deputies and farmers in Chippewa county.

Carmichael's body was found in the store in the little frame church at Columbus, Mich., eight miles from here. There were signs of a fierce struggle. Blood smears were found in various parts of the church and on both of two stoves used to heat the church.

Carmichael made headquarters in Adair. From there he made a 21-mile drive every Sunday to preach in churches in Columbus and in China, all within a radius of seven miles of Adair.

Taft Told of Child Labor.

Augusta, Ga.—The president-elect who is a member of the National Child Labor Law committee, listened to a report on general conditions on child labor in the South from A. J. McKelway, secretary of the committee for the Southern States. It was Mr. McKelway's conclusion that the child-labor laws of Southern States are well adapted to conditions, but there is laxness in their enforcement.

Accepts Concordia Building Site.

Washington.—Assistant Secretary Winthrop of the treasury made a formal order accepting the site for the Concordia (Kan.) federal building at the northwest corner of Washington and Seventh streets, the price of the property being fixed at \$75,000.

Fire Ruins Louisiana Town.

Shreveport, La.—Fire destroyed a block of business houses at Coshuatt, La., and wiped out the greater portion of the business district. The total damage is estimated at \$25,000.

Holy Relics Stolen.

Copenhagen.—Burglars have profaned the coffins of the late King Christian and Queen Louise in the mausoleum of Frederick V. in the famous Roskilde Cathedral. Holy relics of great value were stolen from the sarcophagi. Popular grief and anger at the outrage are very great.

Smuggled Chinese Caught.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Six Chinamen smuggled in a Texas and Pacific freight car were arrested here after the train arrived from El Paso.

MISSOURI CONTEST NOT YET SEALED

JOINT COMMITTEE AGREES ON ALL THE OFFICERS, EXCEPT LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

FINAL REPORT IS AWAITED

Amended Returns Passed in Canvas of Votes—Pair System Adopted—Other Legislative News.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The joint committee of the general assembly has not yet reached an agreement as to the course to be taken in the matter of determining the lieutenant-governorship controversy. There is, however, reason for believing that this end will be reached Monday. Senator McDavid, chairman of the committee, in asking the assembly Friday, when it was called in joint session, for more time for the committee, made the statement that he believed an understanding would be reached Monday. He said the sessions had been harmonious and wholly free from any appearance of bickering or captiousness. The time asked for was granted, with but three dissenting votes.

This dissolved the joint assembly, after the report of the committee had been read and adopted, until Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at which time, according to the assurances of Senator McDavid, it is thought a report will be made as to the plan agreed upon by the committee, which is to be submitted to the entire assembly for its rejection or adoption.

The report made Friday was upon all the state offices except the lieutenant-governorship, and in reaching a conclusion as to these the amended returns were in no instance considered. After the adoption of the report Speaker Speer proclaimed the election of the officers reported upon, and then the joint assembly dissolved. The report made Friday is in full as follows:

Finding of the Committee.

To the Joint Session of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Missouri:

We, the undersigned committee appointed by resolution of this joint session to canvass the returns of the last general election, respectfully report that we have examined and canvassed the returns of the several counties of the state, and we find that from some counties amended returns have also been sent to the speaker of the house of representatives, upon the correctness of which we have not determined, because it does not affect the general results of the officers herein reported upon.

We find, however, that the returns as tabulated by the secretary of state, and as reported to the speaker of the house of representatives after having opened, canvassed and cast up all of said returns in the presence of the speaker of the house of representatives of the forty-fifth general assembly, A. A. Speer, to show the following results of said election, the amended returns in no case being passed upon:

For Governor—Herbert S. Hadley (Rep.), 355,352; William S. Cowdell (Dem.), 240,892; Herman P. Farris (Pro.), 4,163; William L. Garver (Sec.), 14,093; William A. Dillon (People's Party), 1,038; total vote, 715,411; Hadley's plurality, 114,460.

For Secretary of State—John E. Swanger (Rep.), 347,531; Cornelius Roach (Dem.), 249,167; James P. Bots (Pro.), 4,073; Frank Baker (Sec.), 15,215; James M. Burrus (People's Party), 1,130; total vote, 717,016; Roach's plurality, 92.

For State Auditor—Jesse A. Tolerton (Rep.), 346,602; John P. Gordon (Dem.), 249,323; Geo. C. McLaughlin (Pro.), 4,972; Frank Foster (Sec.), 15,221; C. A. Alexander (People's Party), 1,131; total vote, 717,246; Gordon's plurality, 926.

For State Treasurer—William F. Marling (Rep.), 346,373; James Cowgill (Dem.), 249,485; Bishop O. Perry (Pro.), 4,062; Guy E. Edherton (Sec.), 15,301; W. L. Leitch (People's Party), 1,124; total vote, 717,246; Cowgill's plurality, 3,112.

For Attorney General—Frank D. Fulkerson (Rep.), 347,443; Elliott W. Major (Dem.), 249,094; John F. Williams (Pro.), 4,288; Henry H. Aft (People's Party), 1,140; total vote, 717,965; Major's plurality, 1,651.

For Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner—William W. Wilder (Rep.), 346,294; John A. Knott (Dem.), 248,903; James M. Fulkerson (Pro.), 4,006; U. S. Barnely (Sec.), 15,373; James W. Riker (People's Party), 1,132; total vote, 717,508; Knott's plurality, 1,964.

We further report that we have been unable to agree upon plans by which the election of lieutenant governor may be determined, but that it is the opinion of this committee that we can agree upon plans if further time be granted to it; and recommend that this joint session do now take a recess until Monday, January 31, 1909, at 3 o'clock p. m., at which time we will report. Respectfully submitted,

P. M. McDAVID,
J. M. GRIMES,
ARTHUR P. GARDNER,
A. E. L. GARDNER,
R. D. SILVER,
JOHN BARBER,
HIRAM LLOYD,
WALLACE CROSSLEY,
M. E. RHODES,
PROSS T. CHASE.

Both Houses Adjourn.

Both branches of the general assembly adjourned Friday until Monday morning. They will reconvene at noon, when the inaugural ceremonies will be held. It was to avoid conflict with these exercises and to prevent their interruption that Monday's session of the joint assembly was fixed for 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Secretary of State-elect Cornelius Roach announced a portion of his office force, as follows:

Corporation clerk, Jas. W. Walsh, a lawyer of Jefferson City and a brother of Frank P. Walsh; in charge of the land department, Joseph Sullenrop, formerly collector of Osage county; stenographers, Miss Linna Millard of Laclede county and Miss Ethel Faskin of Carthage.

Fred G. Park of Platt City, not assigned as yet, may be made chief clerk. There are four other appointments in the secretary's force, which he will make known Thursday or Friday.

Retired Grain Broker's Throat Cut.

New York.—Edward Dunsenberry, 74 years old, a retired member of the Produce Exchange, was found unconscious Wednesday in his home in Brooklyn, his throat slashed with a razor. His condition is serious.

With one propeller blade smashed and a collision with the Nantucket light ship averted only by the alteration of her captain, the White Star liner Oceanic reached New York City, her decks, buried beneath two inches of snow after fighting the storms.

FOLK'S LAST MESSAGE.

Adopts Antislavery League Recommendation for County Uniformity.

Jefferson City.—Urging an amendment to the local option laws so as to permit wards of cities to decide whether or not the sale of liquors within their boundaries should be permitted, Gov. Folk Thursday sent his last message to the Missouri legislature.

The message, which contains over 40,000 words, also adopts the recommendation of the Antislavery League, which provides for the vote by counties as a whole for the suppression of the liquor traffic.

Amendments to the primary law are urged. Some of the amendments suggested are provisions for registration in St. Louis and Kansas City prior to the primary election, permission to election commissioners in the large cities to select judges and clerks from precincts other than the ones in which they live.

He also wants nominations for the United States senate made at the general primary.

A law readjusting the system of taxation in Missouri, another looking toward the conservation of the state's resources by the appointment of a commission for that purpose, are urged.

Another clause recommends the amendments of the city charters, so that municipal police can be established.

Abolition of contract labor system at the State Penitentiary is also advocated.

House Appointments.

Speaker—Alfred A. Speer. Osage county.

Speaker Pro Tem—James E. Ford, Grundy.

Sergeant-at-Arms—John Ligendre, Charleston.

Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—A. J. Bellairs, St. Louis county.

Doorkeeper—W. J. Fulton, Douglas.

Chief Clerk—W. C. Goshorn, Montgomery.

Assistant Chief Clerk—W. S. Dowd, St. Louis.

Engrossing Clerk—W. G. Kitchen, Stoddard.

Folder—Miss Margaret Dowd.

Reporter—Jesse Flowers, Johnson.

Enrolling Clerk—M. L. Francis, Saline.

Chaplain—J. J. Martin, Barton.

It will be a week before Speer will be able to name the standing committees of the house. This is the next important matter in the organization of the lower house.

"I have not determined upon any member of a committee," said Speer, "and will not until the latter part of next week. Then I will announce all of the members at the same time."

Senate Appointments.

President Pro Tem—George W. Humphrey, Shelby.

Secretary—R. S. McClinton, Monroe City.

Assistant Secretary—W. L. Hodges, Stoddard.

Reading Clerk—W. J. Hadley, Dade.

Sergeant-at-Arms—B. C. Burk, Linn.

Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—Wiley Houston, Lincoln.

Doorkeeper—Claude Long, Lewis.

Assistant Doorkeeper—Clyde R. Sampson, Clinton.

Reporter—Chas. E. Dewey, Cole.

Folder—Miss Lucille Dowell, Lewis.